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	Examiner Tammy Pham	Art Unit 2629	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 March 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-8, 11-17, 20-24, 26 and 27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-8, 11-17, 20-24, 26 and 27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 23 March 2007 has been entered.

Response to Amendment

2. Claim 1, 9-10, 18-19, 25 have been cancelled. Independent Claims 6, 8, 12 have been amended. Claims 2-8, 11-17, 20-24, 26-27 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 2-8, 11-17, 20-24, 26-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over KNEE et al. (US Patent No: 5,994,710).

As for independent claim 6, KNEE teaches of a method comprising: capturing a plurality of image parts (column 3, lines 37-38); determining position information corresponding to each of the plurality of image parts; and c) generating image information using, at least, the

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plurality of image parts and the corresponding position information (column 12, lines 49-53); wherein the act of capturing a plurality of image parts includes focusing light (Fig. 1, item 2) reflected from a surface (Fig. 1, item 5) onto an image pickup device (Fig. 1, item 10, column 6, lines 18-20); wherein the act of determining position information includes accepting, by the image pickup device (Fig. 1, item 10), light reflected from the surface (Fig. 1, item 5), wherein the light reflected from the surface (Fig. 1, item 5) is emitted from a first light source (Fig. 1, item 2, column 6, lines 30-33); wherein the light emitted from the first light source (Fig. 1, item 2) and reflected from the surface (Fig. 1, item 5) onto the image pickup device (Fig. 1, item 10) is used in the act of capturing a plurality of image parts (column 6, lines 10-15) and determining position information (column 6, lines 30-33).

KNEE fails to teach of a second light source.

Applicant has not disclosed any specific advantage or criticality to having a second light source. As such, the addition of a second light source is an obvious matter of design choice.

It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include a second light source with the capturing device of KNEE because -as the Applicant also points out in section [0017]- the addition of a separate light source or imaging element could be provided without destroying the essential elements of the apparatus.

As for independent claim 8, in addition to the claim limitations of claim 6 as analyzed above; KNEE further teaches that the act of determining position information includes focusing light reflected from the surface (Fig. 1, item 5) onto a second image pickup device (Fig. 2c, item 30, column 11, lines 25-30).

As for independent claim 12, see independent claim 6 above.

As for claims 2, 3, KNEE teaches that the position information includes coordinate information (column 12, lines 49-53) {claim 2}; and change of position information (column 11, line 64) {claim 3}.

As for claims 7, 11, KNEE as modified above fails to teach that the light emitted from the first light source (Fig. 1, item 2) has a larger angle of incidence with the surface (Fig. 1, item 5) than the light emitted from the second light source (not shown, but explained above).

Examiner takes official notice that it would have been obvious to one in the art –when including a second light source, as explained above- that the second light source would be positioned at a different angle from the first light source in order to reflect more light to a wider area.

It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to position the first light source to have a higher angle of incident with the surface than the second light source in order to reflect more light to a wider area.

As for claims 13-17, KNEE teaches that the position information includes coordinate information (column 12, lines 49-53) {claim 13}; change of position information (column 11, line 64) {claim 14}; orientation information {claim 15}; acceleration information {claim 16} and velocity information {claim 17} in column 1, lines 40-45.

As for claims 20, see the rejection of claim 7 above.

As for claims 21, 22, 23, KNEE as modified by above teaches that the second light source (not shown) is a light emitting diode {claim 21}; infra-red light emitting diode {claim 22} tunable light source able to modulate at least one of wavelength, polarization, and amplitude {claim 23} (KNEE: column 5, lines 20-25).

As for claim 24, see the rejection of claim 8 above.

As for claims 26, 27, KNEE teaches that the image parts (not shown) are captured from a paper document (Fig. 1, on item 5, column 5, lines 33) and wherein the act of generating image information using, at least, the plurality of image parts (not shown) and the corresponding position information uses the image parts (Id.) to compose a larger image (column 6, lines 53-60).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 2-8, 11-17, 20-24, 26-27 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tammy Pham whose telephone number is (571) 272-7773. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:30 (Mon-Fri).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sumati Lefkowitz can be reached on (571) 272-3638. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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